

REPORT TO: Policies and Resources Committee - 22 August 2011

REPORT ON: Local Community Plan Monitoring - 2010/2011

REPORT BY: Director, Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 358-2011

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the findings from the annual Output Monitoring exercise of Local Community Plans for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:

- 2.1 Recognise the significant level of progress made in terms of outputs achieved by Local Community Planning Partnerships for each area.
- 2.2 Recognise the high level of collaboration, co-operation and support between Dundee City Council, partner agencies and community stakeholders in the implementation of Local Community Plans.
- 2.3 Agree that Dundee City Council should continue to work with public, private and voluntary sector agencies in partnership with local communities to address the long term aspirations, needs and issues identified in each Local Community Plan.
- 2.4 Agree that Community Consultations which took place between April and June 2011 will inform the new Local Community Plans for the period from 2012-2015.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The successful implementation of Local Community Plans are dependent on progressing the agreed priorities within the existing allocation of resources from the Dundee Partnership.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 The Local Community Plan Output Monitoring exercise for the period 1 April 2010 until 31 March 2011 confirmed that of a total number of 784 actions (100%) across all eight areas were prioritised.

Local Community Planning Partnerships, Local Community Organisations and Regeneration Forums have achieved a significant success rate in the delivery of Local Community Plans. 90% of the actions identified have either been delivered or subject to work in progress. This progress will continue through the support of the Dundee Partnership Fund.

- 599 (76%) of the actions across all eight areas have been completed.
- 106 actions (14%) are on schedule
- 79 actions (10%) require to be progressed. Local Community Planning Partnerships will decide which outstanding actions are priorities to be incorporated within the new Local Plans.

- 4.2 Results from across the eight areas confirmed that Local Community Planning Partnerships provide an important focus for Council Departments, Community Organisations, Voluntary Organisations and local people to come together to address agreed priorities in a collective manner. Responses from Service Planners/Providers were received from each Local Community Planning Partnership. It was recognised that the Local Community Planning Partnerships are increasingly recognised as an effective model and that they provide a robust structure and an effective mechanism to assist in addressing local priorities and closing the inequalities gap.

5.0 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 5.1 Some of the Local Community Planning Partnerships' key achievements for the 2008-11 period include:

- **STRATHMARTINE:** St Mary's Community Facility is an excellent example of communities taking action to increase the range of social and learning opportunities in their own community. Funding has been secured to ensure that the programme which has been developed at St Mary's Community Facility can be managed and maintained by local residents.
- **LOCHEE:** The Lochee Community Planning Partnership has played a key role in ensuring that significant progress has been made in delivering on the Lochee Masterplan including the Physical Regeneration Programme which focused on improving traffic management and streetscape in Lochee High Street. This has included involving a diverse range of local people in the Community Engagement process to implement the Lochee Masterplan.
- **WEST END:** West End Graffiti Removal Initiatives participate in very successful high profile Graffiti Removal Initiatives and has been repeated in consecutive years. In addition to this the creation of WestFest which is run on two consecutive years has provided a major focus of community celebration and activities in the West End Ward.
- **COLDSIDE:** As part of the Hilltown Regeneration Plan significant improvements have been made to retail units on the main Hilltown spine and significant environmental developments have taken place to create good quality Green and Open Spaces in a number of locations across the Ward.
- **MARYFIELD:** Stobswellbeing, the Scottish Government Equally Well Test Site in Stobswell has been operational for the last two years and has been successful in testing new ways of working within public services to reduce Health Inequalities and increase Mental Wellbeing within disadvantaged communities. Creative Community Engagement processes have been adopted to involve a diverse range of local people in determining progress made and the positive impact to date of Equally Well.
- **NORTH EAST:** Significant progress has been made with the implementation of the Masterplans for the Whitfield and Mill O' Mains Regeneration areas. In Whitfield, a huge success is the continuing multi-agency collaboration to create the new Life Services Complex. In addition, the Whitfield Development Group have taken on a key role in consulting with local people about future use of Green and Open Spaces.
- **EAST END:** Year on year the annual Douglas Festival attracts thousands of local people for a day of community celebration. A diverse range of local groups take a leading role in ensuring that the Festivals continue to be a highlight in community life.

- **THE FERRY:** Sandy Park, Balgillo - young people in the Ferry ward have been supported to find significant levels for funding to upgrade Sandy Park. The play area has been transformed from one which has been deemed to be unsafe by the local community to one which is now respected and has had new equipment installed and trees and shrubs planted to enhance the environment.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 6.2 The principles behind Local Community Planning is to empower all sections of the community to participate in decision-making, to encourage collective action and engagement in the political process and the representation of interests.
- 6.3 Local Community Plans will be made available in other formats and languages on request and will be written with minimal use of jargon. Local Community Plans, Local Community Engagement Plans, Plan Summaries and updates on progress made in Local Community Plans are posted on the Dundee Partnership website <http://www.dundeepartnership.co.uk/page.php?id=645>. Local Community Plans are also available in large font format. Priority will be given to taking forward actions contained in Local Community Plans which address poverty, inequality, and social exclusion. The production of Local Community Plans will help make services, projects and initiatives more sensitive to the needs of all sections of the community.
- 6.4 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website: <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report.
- 7.2 Chairs of Local Community Planning Partnerships.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background paper as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 was relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.
 - Local Community Plans 2008-2011
 - Equality Impact Assessment

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LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY

MONITORING PERIOD - 1ST APRIL 2010 - 31ST MARCH 2011

| | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIONS (ACROSS ALL 8 WARDS) | ACTIONS COMPLETED | ACTIONS ON SCHEDULE | ACTIONS BEHIND SCHEDULE |
|--------|---|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Number | 784 | 599 | 106 | 79 |
| % | 100% | 76% | 14% | 10% |